[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

under both the items together. The fall of about Rs. 9,000 under dry ginger is small and is explained by ordinary variations in the output of the article. The fall under copra and cocoanut oil is said to be due to the comparatively smaller yield of the cocoanut trees throughout the country this year and is noticeable in other important *chowkeys* also.

Smuggling through Arukutty.

26. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the smuggling of goods to Cochin through the Arukutty *chowkey* is decreasing year after year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner reports that there is hardly any smuggling through the Arukutty *chowkey*.

Motor boats in the Arukutty Circle.

27. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of motor boats attached to the Arukutty Circle at present;

(*b*) whether the purposes which the motor boats are intended to serve are being adequately served;

(*c*) whether those boats are being used daily at present;

(*d*) when the motor boats were purchased for the Arukutty Circle;

(*e*) what the price of each is; and

(*f*) the amount spent each year on account of the motor boats and the staff therefor?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are at present two motor boats, one attached to the Arukutty *chowkey* and the other to the preventive station at Nerekadavu.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The boats are being used daily for patrol work.

(*d*) One motor boat was purchased in Kumbham, 1096, and the other in Mithunam of that year.

(*e*) The price paid for each boat is Bh. Rs. 6,300.

(*f*) The expenditure on account of the boats and the staff attached thereto during 1096 and 1097 is shown below:—

Year.	Rs.
1096	317
1097	3,731

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Reduction of the Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Circle.

28. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reductions made in the staff previously employed for patrol work in the Arukutty Circle, subsequent to the purchase of the motor boats referred to above; and

(*b*) the number and the official designation of the hands that were thus reduced?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There was no reduction of hands at the Arukutty *chowkey* consequent on the introduction of motor boats. But there is reduction in the Nerekadavu and Perumblam ranges of the Division as shown below:—

One Inspector on	Rs.	50
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	20
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	17½
Two Petty Officers on	Rs.	12½ each
Three peons on	Rs.	8 each
Fifty-seven peons on	Rs.	7 each.

The total annual saving secured by the reduction of staff is Rs. 6,666.

Present Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Division.

29. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many hands are employed for the requirements of each motor boat and how many for patrol work; and

(*b*) whether it has been found possible to get the work done satisfactorily by the hands at present employed both for running the boats and for patrol work at Arukutty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The following hands are employed for plying each motor boat, one *viz.*, driver on Rs 20-2-30, one helmsman on Rs. 12-1-15 and one cleaner on Rs. 9-1-12. One Sub-Inspector or Petty Officer and two peons of the preventive force usually go in the motor boat for patrol work.

(*b*) Patrol work is now carried on in the Arukutty Division in motor boats as well as in ordinary boats. The existing preventive staff in the Arukutty Division is reported to be doing the patrol work satisfactorily.

Loan of Excise Motor Boats.

30. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in addition to the work of patrolling, the above motor boats are being used for private purposes as well;

(*b*) whether the motor boats are being lent for the use of officers of any other department;

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